the duration of the present Lok Sabha;

That in order to constitute a sitting of the Joint Committee, the quorum shall be one-third of the total number of member of the Committee;

That in other respects, the Rules of Procedure of this House relating to Parliamentary Committees will apply with such variations and modifications as the Speaker may make; and

That this House recommends to the Rajya Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do join in the said Joint Committee and to communicate to this House the names of members to be appointed by the Rajya Sabha to the Joint Committee.

2. I am to request that the concurrence of Rajya Sabha in the said motion, and also the names of the members of Rajya Sabha so appointed, may be communicated to this House."

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that the Chairman has received a letter from Shri Bindeswari Dubey stating that he has been hospitalised in Madras for renal disorder and that the doctors have advised him not to move out for more than a month. He has regretted his inability to attend the current session of Rajya Sabha and has requested for permission to remain absent from all the sittings of the current session.

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Shri Bindeshwari Dubey for remaining absent from all meetings of the House during the current session?

(No hon. Member dissented)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Orders (Amendment) Ordinance, 1991

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) explaining the circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Orders (Amendment) Ordinance, 1991. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T-204-A|91].

THE CONSTITUTION (SCHEDULED TRIBES) ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1991.

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the inclusion of certain tribes in the list of Scheduled Tribes specified in relation to the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Madam, I introduce the Bill.

RE. STATEMENT ON CAUVERY WATER DISPUTE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that Shri Vidya Charan Shukla will make a statement at 5.30 p.m. today on the Cauvery Water Dispute.

(Interruptions)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, I wish to draw the attention... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam.... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Madam... *(Interruptions)*...